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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SENIOR PATENT EXAMINER.

APPLICATION NO. 10/646,591 ART. UNIT 3611.

Dear Sir,

Recently my long term friend Mary C Kerr of 529 Talbot Rd, Stevenage, MD 21666 informed me that your office had written to me at her address. I authorised her to open this communication and fax a copy to me on the one day I had at home between the moving-on cycle tours I lead for your fellow Americans around the UK in early Summer.

I am a UK citizen and your communication demanded answers to question phrased in an arcane language that I do not readily understand. I am keen to resolve the matter but feel it should be deferred until I can travel to the USA, probably in July, to seek the appropriate advice by meeting with a member of your staff or employing a US patent attorney.

I am dismayed and incredulous to learn that my application may fail because of some arbitrary deadline that does not take into account the above mentioned circumstances, particularly as the application was filed months ago and this is first communication since complying with your request for extra payment. I throw myself on your mercy and request you intervene in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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